# By the King.

## ¶ A Declaration of Orders made by the Gouernour and Company of Merchants of London, trading to the East Indies, concerning priuate trade, to, in, or from the said Indies, ratified and *allowed by the King; And by His Maiesties consent may bee Printed for the better publication thereof.*

WHereas vpon the humble complaint of the Gouernour, and Company of Merchants of London, trading to the East Indies, It hath pleased His Maiestie by His Royall Proclamation, straitly to prohibite all priuate, or vnderhand Trading, either to, in, or from the said Indies, otherwise then shall be allowed and licensed by the said Company, for the important causes and reasons therein at large expressed, and vnto which in all occasions, relation must and may be had.

The said Gouernour and Company, for the better encouragement of all such persons as now are, or hereafter shall be employed by them in their Ships and Voyages, as Commanders, Factors, Captaines, Masters, Officers, Mariners, or Souldiers, and notwithstanding the extraordinary great Wages, which they are accustomed to pay in their imployments, the sayd Company is also content, and doth hereby declare, and giue licence vnto all, and euery person or persons aforesaid, to aduenture and trade for their proper and priuate Accompts, either to, in, or from the said Indies, vpon Shippe or Shippes, wherein they or any of them are, or shall be personally imployed in such Wares and Merchandize onely, as here vnder are expressed, both for the quantitie and quality of the same.

¶ *And first the Wares or Merchandize which are (as aforesaid) to be exported in the Companies Ships, to the East Indies, are as followeth.*

1 Perpetuanoes, drapery.
2 Pewter.
3 Saffron.
4 Woollen Stockins.
5 Worsted Stockins.
6 Silke Stockins.
7 Silke garters, and Ribband Roses edged with gold lace.
8 Beaues Hats, with gold and siluer Bands.
9 Felt Hats.
10 Aquauitæ, and all other sorts of strong waters.
11 Kniues of all sorts.
12 Spanish leather shoes.
13 Iron.
14 Looking-glasses.

¶ *The Wares which are licenced as aforesaid, to be brought into England, in the Companies Shippes from the East Indies, are as followeth.*

1 Long Pepper.
2 White Pepper.
3 White powdred Sugar.
4 Preserued Nutmegs.
5 Preserued Ginger.
6 Preserued Mirabilons.
7 Beezer stones.
8 Cotton yarne.
9 Drugs of all sorts.
10 Aggat beades.
11 Blood stones.
12 Muske.
13 Alloes Soccatrina.
14 Ambergreece.
15 Rich Carpets of Persia and Cambaia.
16 Quilts of Satten, and of Taffaty, and of painted Callicoe.
17 Beniamin.
18 Damaskes, 19 Sattens, 20 Taffaties } of China.
21 Quilts of China imbrodered with gold.
22 Quilts of Petania imbrodered with silke.
23 Galls.
24 Wormeseeds.
25 Sugar Candie.
26 China dishes, or Pursiaines of all sorts.

But for *Cloth, Kersies, Lead, Tinne*, and all other Wares whatsoeuer, not mentioned, as aboue written, either Natiue or Forreigne, seruing for the Voyages, into the sayd Indies, or for the reladings of the sayd Shippes from thence into Europe, they are wholly reserued to the onely vse, accompt, and aduenture of the said Company.

And it is further declared, that each particular man imployed in the Voyage, as afore written, may lade and aduenture, for his owne priuate and proper accompt, in the Wares and Merchandize afore written, and not otherwise, so much onely as can be packed in one Chest of foure foote long, one foote and a halfe broad, and one foote and a halfe deepe, and to the Commanders, Factors, Captaines, Masters, Pursers, and Masters Mates of euery Shippe, is granted a double proportion, that is to say, two Chests of the said length, depth, and breadth, vpon such conditions, for the lading and vnlading of all the said Goods in the places appointed, as are contained in the said Proclamation.

And the said Companie doe further promise, that they will not demand, or take any Freight for the Merchandize which shall be laden or reladen in their Shippes, as afore written, but will freely giue and bestow the same, to each particular man in their proportions, although it will amount to a great summe of Money in euery Voyage of this nature, where the Freight cannot be valued lesse then forty pounds sterling for euery Tonne.

Lastly, the said Company doe in like manner grant and licence the sayd proportion of priuate Trading, and no more, to each particular man, as aforesayd, from Port to Port in the East Indies, in whatsoeuer kinde of Merchandize, excepting onely those sorts of Commodities, which at any time hereafter shall be laden for the Accompt of the sayd Company in the same Shippes, where any such priuate Trade shall bee permitted, after Warrant first obtained vnder hand writing, from the Presidents, or other chiefe Factors, which mannage the Affaires of the sayd Company, in the respectiue places of the East Indies, that so all may bee done and performed according to the tenor and true meaning of these Orders, declared and published in the House of the said Company here in London, and in other conuenient places, and sent likewise vnto all their Factories in the East Indies, together with His Maiesties sayd Proclamation to preuent ignorance in any person or persons to whom it may or shall appertaine.

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